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**THE MILL BONUS.**  
The meeting which was called for Saturday last to discuss the question of mill bonus was in every way a success, and after quite a discussion the people had to adjourn from the small hall to the larger one, in order that the crowd could be accommodated. An account of the proceedings will be found in another column. Many arguments were used freely both for and against the project, but when a division was called on the question it was found that the opponents to the bonus were in a helpless minority. Nevertheless it will be necessary for everyone to put his shoulder to the wheel, and use every lawful means in his power to show where the true benefit will be derived. The amount of taxation for a \$5,000 bonus will be as follows:  
\$5,000 borrowed for 20 years.  
Amount of principal to be repaid let year \$250.00  
Interest at 5 per cent on \$5,000... 250.00  
\$500.00

A tax of 1.3-10 mills on property assessed at \$427,033, will give us \$555.95. That a taxation of 1.3-10 mills will pay off the first year's liabilities. The following table will show the taxation taken at the above rate on property assessed from \$500.00 up to \$1,000.00:  
Assessment \$500.00 Tax \$0.78  
" 750.00 " 1.17  
" 1000.00 " 1.56  
" 1250.00 " 1.95  
" 1500.00 " 2.34

It will clearly be seen also that the amount of taxes to be raised will become less each year, as 5 per cent of the principal is paid annually, so that in 4 years time we are only paying interest on \$4,000. In 8 years on \$2,000. In 10 years on \$2,500, or half the present amount. Another thing to be taken into consideration is that in 6 years time 613 half sections will be taxable, whereas there are now only 303 half sections assessed, so that the burden carried by the present ratepayers will be reduced nearly two thirds.

Now taking all the figures and facts into consideration, who can honestly doubt that it is to the benefit of all concerned to have a mill at so small an expense.

The late Mr. Rowland said, speaking on the same subject in 1887, that if the matter was not carried, then it would mean that Elkhorn would have no grain mill for six or seven years. His words have been proved only too correct, and it will be an easy matter to foresee that if this measure does not pass now, a long term of years will elapse before the town and country have the acknowledged benefit of a grain mill in their midst.

Those of our readers who would like to receive regularly a copy of the Nor-West Farmer will now have an opportunity of doing so at little or no cost. An offer has been made by that paper to provide the Farmers' Institute here with a number of copies at a greatly reduced rate, and it is the intention of the Institution to provide each member with this periodical for one year free. The way that they are enabled to do this is as follows: The paper is sold (provided a certain number of names are sent) at 50 cents a year (the usual price being \$1.00). Each member pays the membership fee of 50 cents to the society. The Government gives a bonus of 50 cents to the society for each member

who pays up, so that \$1.00 is received by the society for every member on the roll. 50 cents of this goes to the paper, and by the transaction the Institute is 40 cents ahead on every member. In this way, for the small sum of 50 cents, every one is entitled to receive not only the benefit of all lectures delivered, papers read, etc., at the meetings during the winter, but also the advantage of a first-class agricultural and family paper all the year round. Send in your names, farmers, to the secretary of the society, Mr. A. Bradford, and don't forget to enclose the 50 cents, when you will be provided with the paper for a year.

## HOW TO SELECT, FEED AND SELL A BEEF STEER.

BY JOHN MCTEER, ELKHORN.

I will speak first of selection; next, how to feed; and last, and most important of all, where to find the best markets. When I am to pass judgment on a steer for feeding purposes, I go for the touch, that is, to feel his hide; the feel must be quite elastic and loose, and the hair fine and silky and woolly. The grip of the hide between our two fingers is double and it should be 1 1/2 inch thick. That is what I call a good touch. Next turn in behind the bullock and see he is broad and level across the hocks and shoulders—broad across the crabs or wide on top of shoulders, long and straight from tail head to front of the shoulders, plates broad and long from hock joint to tail, from tail head to hock joint is perpendicular, not to fall in at the twist, broad from twist to flank. The steer to run well forward along the belly. The fore arm above the knee joint broad, the ribs well sprung, rounding out from the backbone in particular behind the shoulder and deep, straight in line below the arched. The bullock to stand on short legs and to walk wide between the legs, with a prominent brisket and fleshy in front of shoulder, broad between the eyes with a clean eye ball, broad at muzzle and nostrils, large head well balanced, by all means not long below the eye, but as broad as you can get in the jaw, with a good ear, and as much orange color on the horn as possible, a good sign of being well bred. If you can get these points as near complete as possible, you have a good feeding animal, either bullock or heifer. Never buy a hard haired beast and tight in hide, for it will not feed to pay, besides the best is hard and dry, feed it as you like.

For my system of feeding I prefer the age to be 3 years, coming 4. Put him up in the stall about October 1st and give 3 lbs of chopped oats the first thing in the morning, and 30 lbs of cut turps of good Aberdeen Swede, green top, and a little hay. After he has eaten the turps, give him about 2 lbs to 3 lbs of the best hay you have. At the middle of the day, for his dinner, 20 lbs of turps, and about the same quantity of hay. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon say 2 lbs of hay, and at 8 o'clock, supper time, with 3 lbs of chop and 30 lbs of turps, and the same quantity of hay. Give him the offer of water to see if he will take it. He will take it a while at first. If you feed at the rate of 30 lbs of turps at a time he will refuse water altogether. Increase his oats each month 1 lb at a time for 3 months, 12 lbs each day the last four months. Perhaps this fourth month it will be better to give 1 lb in the morning, the same quantity midday and at the end of four months he will be a pretty good steer. If he was in fair condition at all, don't carry in time of feeding him over 10 minutes, for he will be looking for you. It will answer better to feed to a minute, it will pay you better. After the four months give him as much as he will eat, but I don't think he will increase for any more. Keep him clean and well bodied. By all means don't strike him; clap him with your hand instead. If you strike he will get nervous and you will lose half a pound of beef each day. It is of no use proposing shipping steers to the old country—less than 100 lbs, 110 lbs weight and to dress 90 lbs to the 100. Fat cattle at 140 lbs upwards to 2000 and dressing 90 lbs to the 100 you may ship to any market in the old country and make yourself sure of the highest price for them. You are sure of 25 cents a lb dressed for the selection of cattle that I have stated. The number of cattle that one man should attend to is 25. If he is a good man I would not mind paying him \$5 on each head for six months and board. A good healthy feeding steer should make an increase of two lbs each day, besides the increase in quality of beef. When you commence to feed such quality of beef as the butchers kill in this country generally, they buy at 2 1/2 cents to 3 1/2 cents live weight. That is what they call their first-class beef. But I say it is not the quality of beef for killing at all. Commence and feed the animals they kill from 1 to 6 months and ship them to Glasgow or Liverpool. They will sell at 7 cents live weight.

In regard to finding a market for our cattle I would propose to ship about the end of April or beginning of May, say that 50 farmers were to feed 200, that would average 4 each farmer and the number could be buried on the horn before they are put into the cars and let any of the men that wishes go along with them to Montreal. I have no doubt, you would find plenty of shippers of cattle and if they offer a good profitable price, sell them there. If you are not satisfied ship them

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Cattle, of extra flesh and weight, nothing less than 1870 and upwards that would dress 65 lbs to the 100, I would put into cars by themselves and ship direct to the London, England, market where they will fetch \$1.00 more per 100 lbs at the lowest, besides establishing a good market for our good cattle. The cattle from 1100 up to near 1800 I would ship to Glasgow or Liverpool—I think by my experience you will meet with as good a market. But the heavy cattle I speak of, to dress up to 65 lbs to the 100—that is the highest record for dressed beef.  
I have read a statement made lately by Mr. Gordon, of Pilot Mound, that scheduling our cattle would be better for the cattle breeders and feeders in this country as it would cause farmers to feed better to get a good sale for their beef. It will be the worst that can happen to this country if we cannot ship our cattle to the Old Country alive. Good beef cattle always bring the highest price standing on their feet. What is best for the dealer is not always best for the man who feeds the beast. My advice is, try to work every thing up to the highest perfection so as to ensure the highest price in the market. It is a human nature for every man to speak for his own interest first. I believe that killing the cattle and shipping the best dressed would be a loss to the breeder and feeder of 5 to 7 on every animal killed. That is the value of the offal in the English market and when I say \$17 I put it down at a low rate.

MERGING OF THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE, DENNIS, NO. 2.  
The last meeting of this branch of the Institute for the season, was well attended on Saturday afternoon last. Mr. Wm. Wood in the chair. After the minutes of the former meeting had been adopted a letter was read from Mr. Waugh, of the "Nor-West Farmer," which brought about the following resolution, proposed by Mr. Freeman, seconded by Mr. Phillips: "That all those who are now members of the Institute, and all who shall join before April 1st next, shall be provided with the 'Nor-West Farmer' for one year." Carried. A paper was then read by Mr. John McTurk on fattening of steers, which will be found in another column, and another by Mr. Carr, Elkhorn, on the feeding and care of sheep. This paper has been crowded out this week but we hope to reproduce it in our next issue.

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